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For: NUCLEIC ACID CONSTRUCT FOR EXPRESSING ACTIVE SUBSTANCES WHICH CAN BE ACTIVATED BY PROTEASES, AND PREPARATION AND USE

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.59(b) TO EXPUNGE PROPRIETARY IDS SUBMITTED UNDER MPEP §724.02

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The following information is submitted in support of this petition:

- 1. The PIDS was submitted in accordance with MPEP § 724 and §724.02.
- 2. The petitioner will retain the proprietary information for the period of any patent with regard to which such information is submitted.
- 3. The PIDS is requested to be expunged as it is deemed to be Proprietary material.
- 4. The information being expunged has not been otherwise made public.
- 5. This Petition is being submitted by the same party who originally submitted the PIDS.

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Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the PTO expunge the 09/256,237 PIDS and return same to applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

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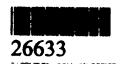
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